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✓ 1. I met with George Harvey, Chief Clerk, and Kenneth Sprankle, Assistant Clerk, of the House Appropriations Committee. Mr. Sprankle has just returned from a trip abroad, but did not contact any CIA officials while overseas. In the course of the conversation, it was suggested that Mr. Taber might wish to have a member of his Committee look over CIA to get a better knowledge of what we are attempting to do, prior to any formalized budget hearings. ^{WP} I told Mr. Sprankle (as Col. White had previously done) that he also may wish to accompany such a member to CIA and he plans to discuss it with the Chairman.

✓ 2. Chairman Rees of the House Civil Service Committee is planning to issue a statement on 8 November listing surveys and studies being made by his Subcommittee. Their reports (some of which will be available by 1 January) will in most instances be accompanied by proposed legislation. Subjects which are presently being surveyed and would be of interest to CIA include the following:

- a. Performance rating systems;
- b. A study of the entire leave system of the classified service, including sick, annual and other authorized leave systems;
- c. Incentive awards programs;
- d. Present appeals and grievances laws, regulations and procedures;
- e. Supervisor training and selection programs;
- f. Promotion programs;
- g. Overseas personnel practices, pay and other benefits;
- h. Reduction in force practices.

3. Congressman Sikes (D., Fla.) has just returned from his trip to Europe but will not be in Washington until January. I have seen no report of any contact he may have had with CIA installations (or RFE) abroad.

4. Rep. Bentley (R., Mich.) has returned from his trip to Europe, but as he has not been to any Iron Curtain countries, there appears to be no reason to contact him for debriefing.

5. Cong. McCormack, with whom the DCI would like an appointment, has never returned to Washington and will not be here until January.